

It is not given to all to be equally successful, though all may be equally earnest, and God shall be the judge.

We might mention scores of people who have been loved and admired by the world for their goodness and piety, for their righteousness or their philanthropy, for their earnest zeal and unselfish devotion; but equal honor and love and admiration is due that man or woman who, following the humble walks of life, faithfully performs all duties to God and man. That man who is never known outside the boundaries of his own neighborhood may live a life as beautiful in good deeds, as exalted in unselfish devotion as any known to fame. From his little corner of the world the deeds of his life may shine forth in lustrous beauty and worth, winning the love of friends, disarming the criticism of foes.

That woman whose sum of existence seems to be simply to fill a quiet domestic sphere, whose circle of friends is comparatively small and obscure, may make her life beautiful beyond comparison by her earnest faithfulness to the duties of the lot God has given her. This very faithfulness brings the peace of a pure and exalted mind. "And who does not know the joy of intercourse with such a mind; the enthusiasm which springs from the mere fact of being permitted to look up to one immeasurably better and purer than self; the strong sense of being stimulated to fresh effort.

Of such a life it may truly be said when death ends its usefulness forever, this life *was lived* and all its heavenly capabilities for doing good were grasped in the passing moment and used to the glory of God.

It is not to be inferred that he who seeks to follow closely after Christ does not sometimes fail. His life is not without its failures and disappointments. He is not without his keen sense of unworthiness, unfitness, of distrust doubt and fears. Oft times he grows weary and faint with the burden and heat of the day. Often he is weak and worn, feels that his efforts are useless, his labors lost, his life a failure. But after a while by the grace of God he comes forth from the struggle with a reassured faith. He remembers the promise. "God is faithful, who will not

suffer you to be tempted above that you are able." Relying on the strength of God, confident of the love of God, he rises to fresh effort, to a purer life, to greater heights of courage and unflattering trust. What more worthy ambition can animate the soul of any man or woman than to live a life pure and holy?

My young sister, as you seek to look into the dim vista of future years, wondering what will be the message of their coming, do you realize that every year that is given you adds to your opportunities for growing beautiful and good? Life is a precious gift to be enriched and beautiful by loving deeds of helpfulness, faithfulness to duty, devotion to truth and justice.

My young brother, as you face resolutely the future of life, gathering together the forces of your manhood for the struggle before you, do you remember that struggle should be an honor to your manhood, a glory to the cause of Christ? You can have no surer safeguard than the armor of Christ; no brighter guiding star than the love of Christ.

Pattern your life as nearly as you can in your human weakness after the Christ-life, and you will be loved and trusted in this world, crowned and glorified in the eternity that lies beyond.

For us all no admonition is more fitting than the one,

"Make your life beautiful, pure, good and true;

Do unto others as you'd have them do to you."

Such a life is its own enduring monument. A monument founded upon the eternal rock Christ Jesus, building its gradual ascent upon the teachings of that Christ, and finally piercing the skies in its wondrous growth of strength, purity and loveliness.

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DEAR SISTERS OF THE EVANGELIST AND BRETHREN CHURCH:—I never say much in favor of woman's rights, for I think if women would only use to advantage the rights they now have and do as much good as is in their power, there would be as much improvement in the world, as could pos-

sibly be brought about by "suffrage."

There are numberless ways in which work may be done for the accomplishment of this purpose. The first that I will mention is doing our share towards the support of the church paper. I believe that it is read by as many or more sisters than brethren, and therefore we should occasionally contribute to its columns, especially since Brother and Sister Harrison, have so often urged the sisters to write for their department.

I have often wondered what has become of those sisters who were on a committee at the Troy, Ohio, State Conference over a year ago, who "Resolved that it was the duty of the sisters to contribute regularly for their department." I have been looking ever since for contributions from the ones who drew those resolutions, for I know they are as capable of writing as few who have been "doing their duty," but I have failed to see an article from any of them, and I know our editor too well to believe any have been written and consigned to the waste basket before going into print. Of course we sisters, who have had very little experience in that line of work, know that we can not write like preachers and learned men who have been engaged in such work the greater part of their lives, but there may be some among the uneducated readers who will understand and appreciate our little efforts more than the fine, precise language and deep ideas of experienced writers, and if we pen a thought now and then that is encouraging to them it may be a means of doing good to others also. We know that Christ often talked to and mingled with the lowly and uneducated people, and considered their salvation as important and necessary as people of the higher class.

I have lately been reading of the great good that is being done by some persevering ladies amongst the poor and degraded people of Chicago. How earnest and eager those people seem to be, to do what is right when once they fully understand that their mode of life has not been what it should have been, and they are brought to believe that some one is interested in their welfare.

So we might all make ourselves